



WYCOMBE WANDERERS, who went to Wembley once before to play in the Amateur Cup, took a giantkiller-sized stride in that direction by slamming Fourth Division Newport 3-1 in yesterday's first round FA Cup tie.

Isthmian League Wycombe were not alone in toppling Football League opposition. West Midland side Alvechurch won 1-0 at Exeter and Northern Premier League team Altrincham beat Hartlepool 2-0.

And Brighton live on until Wednesday after getting away from Walton and Hersham with a goalless draw. Last season it was Amateur Cup holders Walton who dumped Exeter out of the Cup.

There are still sixteen non-League clubs to go into tomorrow's second round draw.

Golden wonders

Wycombe 3, Newport 1

YOUNG Steve Perrin destroyed Newport's professionals yesterday with two second half goals in five minutes to put Wycombe Wanderers in the second round of the FA Cup for the second time in their history.

Wycombe manager Brian Lee, said: "We were the better side on the day. Newport were very much what we expected, and I'm delighted with the result." Fourth Division Newport, who three years ago lost 6-1 to Southern League's Barnet, were in trouble when Hill was booked for dissent by referee Spencer after fifteen minutes.

Twenty minutes later Newport's Hancock joined him for pulling back Evans who was clean through.

At half time it was still nil-nil. Three minutes into the second half Jones lobbed the ball over goalkeeper Maskell only to see it strike the crossbar.

Jones and Coldrick both went close but Wycombe survived and went ahead in the sixty-second minute through Perrin.

Five minutes later it was 2-0 when keeper Macey failed to hold Grant's free kick and Perrin headed home from close range. Then Evans delighted the 8,000 crowd with No. 3.

Wycombe almost made it four several times but for the final ten minutes they were pegged back in their own half.

Newport pressure was rewarded in the eighty-fourth minute when Hooper scored.

A GREAT DRAW—BERT CRUMP

PETERBOROUGH United beware! That's the message from Rothmans Isthmian League amateurs Wycombe Wanderers after they heard the draw for the second round of the F.A. Cup yesterday.

It is only the second time Wanderers have reached the second round of the Cup in their history which spans 89 years. The other time was back in 1959 when they were drawn away to Watford and lost 5-1 at Vicarage Road.

But this time, Wycombe hope to go further. Club secretary Bert Crump told 'Mid-Week', "It's a great draw. After the Newport result, we're not afraid of anybody!"

The draw will certainly be a real money spinner for the Blues. Nearly 7,000 packed into Loakes Park on Saturday to watch Newport, whose average attendances are only 2,500.

Peterborough, well known as "The Posh," attract well over 5,000 for home Saturday games and should bring at least that many with them on December 15. United are currently well

placed in the Football League Division Four and were top for much of this season. In fact they are now in second place on goal average behind Colchester, whom they beat 3-2 on Saturday.

Playing amateur opposition will not be that unusual to them. Last season they were drawn away to Bishop's Stortford in the F.A. Cup. Stortford, who play in the same league as Wycombe, held them to a 2-2 draw on their own ground before losing the replay 3-1.

"The Posh" are managed by Noel Cantwell, who took over the helm last season. Cantwell was a member of the West Ham side for eight years and captain for three. He then joined Manchester United for £30,000 — then a record fee for a full back.

With United, he skipped them to the F.A. Cup in 1963 and stayed until 1967 when he took over as manager of Coventry City in Division One. Fortune did not smile kindly on him with the "Sky Blues," however and after four and a half years, he took over Peterborough United.

Wycombe power wins it

by DENIS COMPTON

Wycombe 3 Newport 1

WYCOMBE WANDERERS swept Fourth Division Newport out of the F.A. Cup and then declared they want a home tie with Brighton in the second round.

"Brian Clough is an old friend of mine and I would love to get his side up here," said Brian Lee, manager of the Isthmian League amateurs.

"A few years ago he brought Derby here to play a friendly and they beat us 6-0, so I have reason for revenge."

SUPERIOR

Three great second-half goals in eight minutes destroyed Newport and, make no mistake about it, the professionals cannot blame their defeat on the notorious sloping pitch of Loakes Park.

They were beaten by superior football.

After 62 minutes Tony Horseman split the Newport defence with a superb ball to Perrin on the left. The tall lad calmly controlled it and cutting in towards goal, let loose a shot from an acute angle which left John Macey helpless.

Five minutes later Grant, taking a free kick near the left corner flag, crossed perfectly and Macey, who failed to gather, saw Perrin quick as a flash nod the ball home again.

There was no holding Wycombe now and another defence-splitting pass from Horseman found Evans and the centre forward hit a magnificent cross-shot into the far corner of the net.

WYCOMBE—Maskell; Williams, Grant, Wood, Bullock, Reardon, Horseman, Pritchard, Holifield, Perrin. Sub: Brothers.

NEWPORT—Macey; Coldrick, Sprague, Godfrey, Aizlewood, Hancock, Jarman, Hill, Jones, Brown, Hooper. Sub: Screen.

Wycombe wizards are tops

By Bob Morley

WYCOMBE W. 3, NEWPORT 1

IF YOU want a dash of sauce with your Cup glory, then wonderful Wycombe know just how to dish it out.

They shattered Fourth Division Newport with three cheeky goals in the space of eight minutes.

It was their first win against a professional side, and if you want to know how they did it, just ask two experts, Mr. Perrin and Mr. Lee.

Steve Perrin, the tall, dark striker, gave Newport nightmares, hitting two of the goals.

And manager Brian Lee was bursting with pride. "They were terrific," he vouched.

"Without lights, we hadn't been able to train for a week. I also thought we would miss Keith Searle, our leading striker, but the lads were magnificent and really deserved to win."

COCKY

Wycombe's cockiness cost them a late goal when Hooper, substituting for Screen, pulled one back.

But Perrin and the fair-haired Dylan Evans had already made sure of a dazzling victory to lighten the afternoon darkness.

Wycombe had a great first half, but Newport were making the late running until that three-goal blitz rocked them.

Now, says saucy Mr. Lee, "We want Brighton. Brian Clough is an old pal of mine."

WYCOMBE: Maskell 7—Williams (inj) 6, Bullock 7, Wood 6, Grant 7—*PRITCHARD 8, Reardon 7, Holifield 7—Horseman 6, Evans 7, Perrin 7. Sub: Brothers 7.

NEWPORT: Macey 6—Coldrick 6, *AIZLEWOOD 8, Hancock 7, Sprague 6—Screen (withdrawn) 6, Godfrey 6, Hill 6—Jarman 6, Jones (R) 6, Brown 6. Sub: Hooper 7.

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